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# Places for People housing summit discusses attainable housing

by **THOMAS SMITH**
*Editor*

The Minden Community Centre was packed with the Places for People Haliburton County Housing Summit on Thursday, Oct. 24.

"We need to find a way to provide available and attainable housing. Haliburton County must be prepared to accommodate the different forms and density of housing that families will demand while having a sufficient quantity of housing supply to meet the needs of the population," opened Patti Tallman, CEO of Haliburton County Development Corporation. "The need for more housing supply is real and it is here today and here to stay. Failure to act and work

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# Population growth demands housing

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together sooner than later will result in the lack of homes to service the current need of the community and the future population growth."

"For all levels of government, housing, homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction are at the top of the list of priorities to do. Housing has an impact on all of those things. So it is really and truly the top priority for us to deal with. I can't say how challenging it is for rural communities," said Liz Danielsen, warden of Haliburton County in an opening speech. "I hope everyone comes away with some nugget that they can take forward and use in their planning and development going forward."

"As we all know, housing is important. When I think about today and what I would like to have happen is that we take a few more steps forward," opened Bob Carter, mayor of Minden Hills. "This is an important time in that both Minden Hills and the county are about to embark on strategic planning and I think it's important that we all decide what it is that we want to be, how big do we want Haliburton to become in terms of population. How do we want that growth to happen."

"We are so far behind that we have a lot of catching up to do. With the population growth being as fast as it is up here, there is going to be a greater demand for housing," said Carter.

The summit included panel sessions throughout the day, with local business owners, representatives from throughout Haliburton County and outside experts brought in to discuss the plight of housing.

## Affordable housing Collingwood

Claire de Souza, Housing Development Coordinator for Collingwood presented on housing in Collingwood. Collingwood was noted for having high demand STRs and a shortage of housing for workers. Affordable housing was considered affordable if shelter costs did not exceed 30 per cent of the income of a household.

• Rapid Additional Residential Units were discussed. These included pre-approved designs for additional housing units on residential lots. Zoning was updated to allow for more dwellings.

• A concierge service for ARU enquiries was enabled. This acts as the starting point for interested property owners to discuss creating an additional dwelling. Planning information was made digestible by the public.

Fay Martin, founder of Places for People gives her opening statement at the Haliburton County Housing Summit of 2024 . /THOMAS SMITH Staff

• ARU financial incentives by the County of Simcoe and by Collingwood itself. Collingwood has a loan program if you commit your ARU property to renting on a long term basis (of 12 month leases) over a period of five years. Simcoe has a program with a commitment of 15 years for $30,000.

• Rapid ARU pre-approved design criteria speeds up the application process for homeowners.

• Affordable Housing Master Plan includes township properties for over 30 units.

• Small Parcels Pilot Project included clarity on township owned lands. If lands are not feasible for housing, priority for the land should be given to not-for-profit housing efforts.

## Worker housing panel

Panel included Sabrina Richards, owner and operator of Big Hawk Lake Marina, Xavier Massé, dean of Haliburton School of Art + Design, and Gary Dyke, CAO of Haliburton County.

• Richards discussed building additional dwellings on her own land for her staff, the challenges with getting permission, the difficulties with septic and additional dwellings, and converting pre-existing buildings

• Massé discussed the new residence being built in Haliburton. The residence will house around 47 students with 26 units. Massé says that the residence should be ready for spring 2025. HSAD had around 1,800 students this year. Only 200 to 300 of those students are enrolled in full time studies. A collaboration with SIRCH and HSAD was brought forth to Massé, who says he will have to discuss it with his colleagues.

• Dyke discussed the Haliburton Wee Care facility as well as the importance of considering child care services when planning for population growth. Dyke also discussed the successful collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. Dyke said the needs of rural Ontarians are not being met by current housing efforts and zoning policies. Rules are restrictive for agricultural lands but areas like Haliburton County do not seem to be addressed or supported.

## Densification panel

Panel included Richard Corson from Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation, Susan Zambonin, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and Kawartha Region, and Kirstin Maxwell, CEO of Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation.

• Corson discussed their hybrid affordability model with a third of units being affordable housing. Their properties include three buildings that are three stories tall being built in Haliburton. Corson said that their project takes advantage of the current programs for housing while being a hybrid profit/affordable model. Corson advocated that businesses should work with the government, not against it.

• Zambonin discussed a condo project that included a project were homeowners can get mortgages through the local credit union, allowing easier access to homeownership. She also discussed a Places for People partnership that is in the works. There is a 35 unit property in Minden that Habitat for Humanity is looking at, if zoning would allow its use.

• Maxwell said that KLH Corp. has been increasing their building efforts at a growing rate. Reasonable construction costs, low interest rates, land donations by the City of Kawartha Lakes, and financing their properties at lower rates have allowed them to increase their development projects.

## Water and wastewater solution of Frontenac County

Joe Gallivan, senior planner for the County of Frontenac discussed new developments that will fit into the historic and quaint towns of Frontenac, including septic solutions that will retain the health of local water ecosystems.

• Municipal investment in public infrastructure was discussed, how land can be optimized and renovated to accommodate future residents.

• The development of Wolfe Island, the expansion of the ferry, and its septic solutions.

• Newterra water and wastewater treatment solutions were discussed extensively. The portable and cost effective water treatment solutions was a simple solution.

# Slater, the red-tailed hawk, found poisoned by rodenticide

by **THOMAS SMITH**
*Editor*

Slater, the red-tailed hawk is on the road to recovery after being found on the side of the road suffering with rodenticide poisoning. /Submitted

A red-tailed hawk was rescued south of Norland and transported to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden to receive care. The hawk, now named Slater, was found near the side of the road. After driving one way, the driver saw that the hawk had not moved on their drive back and contacted the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary had a volunteer drive to pick the hawk up.

"There was no trouble picking him up," says Monika Melichar, founder of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. "It had no fight left."

Had the hawk been in the bush, Melichar says it is unlikely that anyone would have seen him suffering.

Slater was put into an incubator to raise his temperature, and was given water. Soon after, Slater expelled tar-like black stool. There were also sore patches within Slater's mouth, a clear indicator that the hawk had been poisoned with rodenticide. Slater was injected with vitamin K in an attempt to neutralize some of the poison within his body.

"Slowly but surely, he began to come around. Now it is a week and a half later and Slater is well on his road to recovery."

"He is very lucky," says Allison Hansen, founder of Rodenticide Free Ontario. "Very few respond that well to vitamin K therapy."

In 2020, Hansen's sister's dog was poisoned after it ingested a rat killed with rodenticide. A year after, Hansen lost one of her own rescue dogs after it had eaten a disoriented rodent that had been poisoned with rodenticide. After the banning of rat poisons in B.C., Hansen knew that she needed to stand up for wildlife, pets, and other animals in Ontario. Hansen has since presented on the dangers of rodenticide to property associations throughout Ontario, presented with Environment Haliburton, Nature Canada, and has garnered a following on social media. Rodenticide Free Ontario is an initiative under the Defend Them All Foundation.

Slater had to be given water and was fed through tubes for three days. Eventually, he began to eat bite-sized morsels of food. The black tar-like substance is still seen in his stool, and Melichar says it could very well be present for two weeks to a month after his treatment began.

"We are hopeful it has not caused too much damage inside," says Melichar. "But this is not something that we can assess."

"So far so good," says Melichar. "He has no aggression towards us whatsoever. He is very much working with us, and not against us for his treatment. We are hoping for a full recovery."

After a rodent is poisoned, they suffer before succumbing to the poison. While poisoned, they are often dopey and slow, easy pickings for predators such as foxes, hawks, and owls. Rat poison is flavoured like food, and will kill animals like house sparrows and squirrels if consumed. The poison travels throughout food chains and can even make its way into bears.

Hansen says that there are much better alternatives than using rat poison. Poison does not solve the root of the problem, with the rat's gaining entry to the building. Rodent-proofing your house and sealing any entrances will prevent rodents from coming into your home. Many contractors offer rodent-proofing services as well as live traps for the mice. Hansen also says that cleaning your recyclables, securing your garbage and your barbecue will also help reduce the number of rodents attracted inside your home. Glue traps are also not a good alternative as they indiscriminately kill snakes, insects, and other animals. Snap traps are also a better alternative than using poison as they provide an instantaneous death.

"Putting poison out is not a cure. It is a band-aid effect," says Melichar.

Melichar and her team of volunteers at the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary hope that Slater will be able to be released before the migratory period ends in November. If not, the team is prepared to overwinter the animal, before being able to release him.

"We are able to take in all species of wildlife with the exception of raccoons," says Melichar. Melichar says that due to over-exposure, she developed an allergy to the masked bandits. The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary takes in around 800 animals per year. They are experienced in taking care of all walks of life, from coyotes, to waterfowl, to fawns. The Sanctuary is entirely volunteer run and is open every day.

These injuries are unnatural, says Melichar. We have to do what is right and do whatever we can to correct these unnatural interruptions and return animals back to nature.

The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary runs entirely on donations. On Nov. 1, the sanctuary will be having their online Bid Wild 4 Wildlife auction. There are over 100 items available to be bid on.

"There is something for everyone," says Melichar. The link to the auction can be found on their website www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca.

The funds raised through donations and through events such as the annual online auction will be put towards food, medications, supplies, and everyday expenses of the sanctuary. Currently, the sanctuary has a leaky roof. They wish to fix the roof to keep animal's heads dry while under their care.

Monetary donations to the sanctuary can be given online through www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/donate.


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The Haliburton Red Wolves celebrated Halloween during thier annual bowl-a-thon at the Fast Lanes in Minden on Saturday, Oct. 25. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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# Boshkung takes silver

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*Times Staff*

Boshkung Brewing has once again been recognized for their outstanding beers - and this time on a national stage.

The Haliburton County company recently took home a silver prize in the English IPA category at the Canada Beer Cup - beating out over 1500 other beers from across the country.

"We figured we had won something," said Mathew Renda, the co-owner of Boshkung, "but we weren't sure exactly what it was."

The awards took place in Vancouver this year, after traveling from city to city over the years. Despite the interest in attending in-person, Renda noted that he wasn't sure if it was worth the journey if the outcome was unknown.

Instead, the Minden-based brewery hosted a live-stream of the awards show last week, which resulted in sharing the successes as a community - a focus that Renda and his team always have top of mind.

Boshkung Brewing Co. has grown and pivoted over the years, starting as an offshoot of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon, and eventually expanding with new owners, new food, and a new vision.

The Kungaroo IPA in particular is a beer that Boshkung produces which has been given a nod of approval more than once, having won gold two years in a row with the Ontario Beer Awards, before hitting the national stage just this past week. "It's a really unique beer," said Renda. "It's a more traditional, English IPA, and always a crowd favourite."

While being crowned for beer championships on the other side of the country, the local brewery was also given the nod of approval from a local audience, with 32 nominations through the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards gala. Boshkung was highlighted in everything from tourism and hospitality to individual leadership business achievements.

And the company intends to continue offering services throughout the winter months, when many tourism-based businesses call it quits until warmer weather. "We've got a new menu rolling out," said Renda, "and we are covering our porch to make sure it's warm for the winter."

Renda said that starting this week, they will also be launching their First Responders nights each Friday evening, offering discounts to anyone on the front lines. "It's just a way to give back and appreciate all the work they do," said Renda.

Boshkung Brewing Co. is located at 20 Water Street in downtown Minden.

# County has manageable annual funding gap, says consultant

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
*Times Staff*

Haliburton County is ahead of what's expected toward a complete asset management plan.

Brian Kavanagh of Infralevel Inc. walked the upper tier council through what has been done toward an asset management plan and the steps yet to come. The management plan was expanded in 2024 to include all assets including the county's fleet of vehicles, equipment, and facilities.

By July 2025, management plans will be required to include a proposed level of service in addition to the current service levels.

"It's encouraging that the county has moved forward with an asset management plan that includes already the 2025 requirements," Kavanagh said. "So you're ahead of the game."

He said one of the powerful aspects of such a plan is that it brings together a wide array of important documents. Information such as capital and operating budgets, asset registry, five-year forecasts for roads and structures, the Official Plan, and property condition assessments.

All county financial and planning documents have been taken into account, he said.

A completed plan will give the county a clear picture of the state of local infrastructure, current and proposed service levels, risk and lifecycle management strategies, and the impacts of growth in the county.

Kavanagh said all county assets have been given a value of $5.3 billion.

More than 80 per cent of assets are roads, bridges, and culverts, followed by buildings and equipment.

"We've noted that your assets are in good overall condition, which is quite encouraging," he said. "It's a sign that the county has invested significantly and wisely in your assets."

Data over the last few years show the county has made significant investments in its bridges and large culverts.

Proposed levels of service look at new initiatives of standards that represent changes to the current level of service, he said. It involves meeting or exceeding condition index levels for things like infrastructure and pavement.

"Every asset has been assigned a likelihood of failure as well as a consequence of failure," he said.

An ambulance would have a higher consequence of failure than a Public Works trailer.

The county's forecasted capital requirement over the decade if projected to be about $83 million. Compared to the available coin of about $68.4 million, that need shows a $14.24 million funding gap over 10 years. Or $1.4 million annually.

"Comparing that to other funding gaps for projects that we've done and I'm familiar with across Ontario, I'd say it's a good number overall," Kavanagh said. "It's a relatively small funding gap."

To bridge that funding need, the county needs to implement operational efficiencies, enhance asset conditions, enhance maintenance work, and look for grant money where available.

Kavanagh recommends the county continue the one per cent capital levy introduced in the 2024 budget. It will raise $3.2 million over the next decade and $9.7 million over 20 years.

"Higher levy amounts may be considered when feasible," he said.

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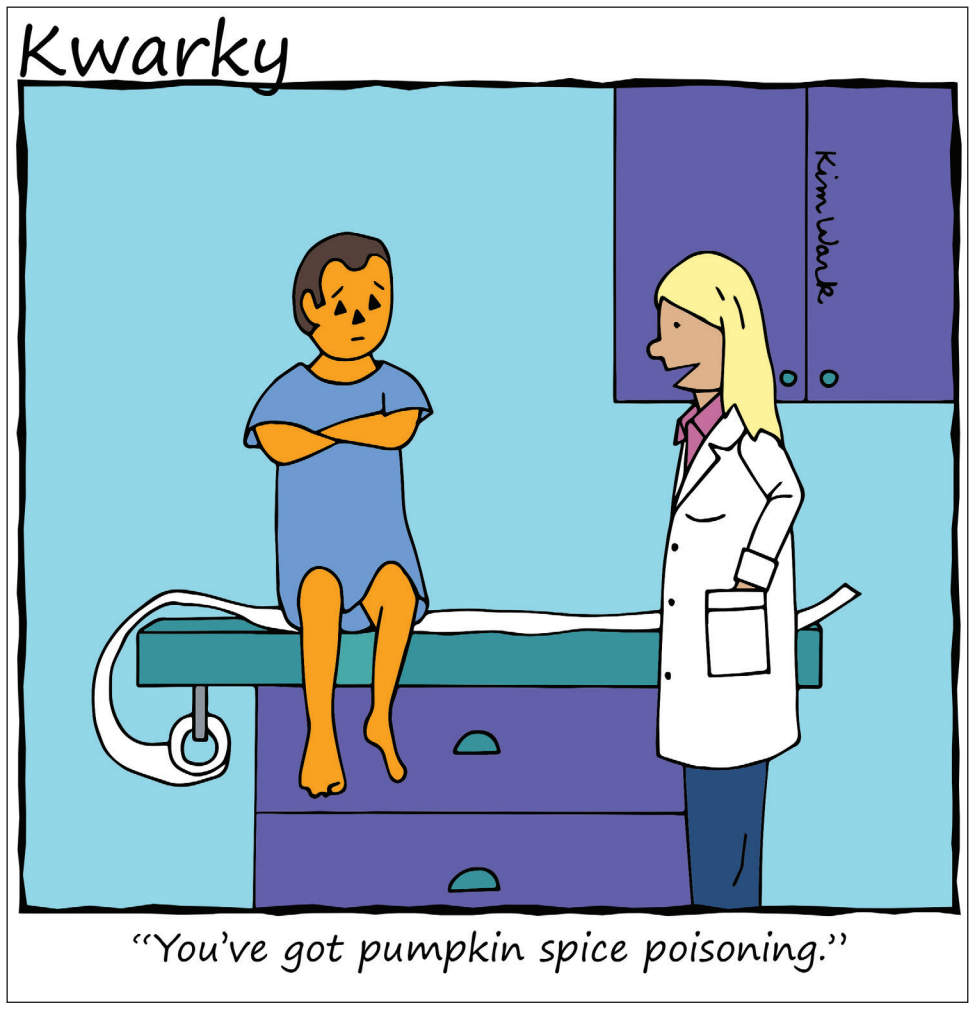


# An engaging weekend

I'M ENGAGED! A proposal is one of the most difficult steps for a man during the wedding process. The night before the big day, you will not get sleep. It is unavoidable that you will go over your plan in your head again and again. Throughout the night, you will wake up in a cold sweat thinking that perhaps your cat has found the ring and swallowed it. For the past few months, you routinely check your hiding spot, open the box, and make sure that the ring is still there. You question whether or not your partner has seen you opening the box, or perhaps she saw the receipt for the ring, or maybe even your mother spilt the beans and everyone knows.

**THOMS SMITH**
*Editor*

Everyone knew that it would be coming eventually.

I have been dating my partner Sam for six years. I have lived in three different apartments with her, experienced loss, and even adopted a cat together along the way.

The weeks leading up to the engagement, my stomach was in knots. I was tripling the antacids I was taking in an effort to reduce the acid splashing in my throat. The toughest part of this situation was that I could not share with Sam why exactly I have been more worked up recently. My coworker Emily says that this is normal. Her partner Andrew acted bizarre on the day of their proposal. A close friend of mine says that he was easily aggravated, and demanding to make sure his plan went the right way.

For our proposal, I had planned a romantic weekend in Elora and Stratford. Elora is a special place to us. Every October, Elora has a 'Monster Month' where they decorate the town with monsters from the mind of Tim Murton's Twilight Zoo. Every year since we have been together, Sam and I have been visiting Elora and walking around the town to see the sculptures that are on top of businesses, hidden in alleyways, sitting on fences, and hiding throughout the town.

I have made the mistake of 'fake proposals' throughout our relationship. Going really slowly when I crouch to tie up my shoes, taking a chance to itch my leg when we are somewhere picturesque, and asking if she noticed anything particularly hard hidden in her food at restaurants. When I finally asked her to marry me, her first words were "Really? "Really?"

Followed by "Yeah, of course, duh."

I am still waiting on the yes.

To be honest, the day is a blur. I know that I must have gotten food at some point and visited a couple stores and sites along the way, but I cannot remember anything except how much my head was pounding.

After the proposal, we went out for dinner and saw see *Something Rotten!* at Stratford. The weekend was perfectly 'us' with a mixture of spooky, good food, and live theatre.

Now, my job is done. The planning should be on Sam, right?

# Point taken

ON THE weekend, I attended a pheasant hunt and got to see some really good pointing dog at work. As you might know, a good pointing dog is a master of bird hunting. Its job is to cover the hunting ground and work into the wind until it catches bird scent. Then like other bird hunting dogs, follows that irresistible odour to the source. While a flushing dog would then charge in and flush the bird, a pointer stops short and assumes that classic pointing stance and stares into the area where the bird is hiding. This allows the hunters to walk up to the area and then flush the bird themselves.

The advantage is the hunter is not surprised by the flush and is more ready for the shot.

All this makes perfect sense, but I wonder what hunters did before pointing dogs existed. Or where they even got the idea to breed dogs that would point at birds?

**STEVE GALEA**
*Beyond 35*

There is no real theory on this, so let me propose one.

I envision that long ago there was one hunter in a group who had keener eyes and a better sense of smell (probably the guy who didn't spend too much time in the hunt camp). And, when he saw or smelled a bird, he naturally pointed to it.

His fellow hunters then would walk up and say, "What are you pointing at?"

"A bird," he would say.

He would then continue pointing until one of the hunters walked into it – and flushed it.

As you might imagine, a guy like this would be valuable in any bird hunting camp.

But eventually someone probably said, "You know Grog is great at pointing birds, but why don't we just train our dogs to do this?"

"Why?" Some of the other hunters might have asked.

"Well, after every hunt Grog wants a good scratch behind the ears and asks me to comb out the burrs he has accumulated. "And frankly, I'm not too comfortable with that…." the first hunter might have replied.

From that point on, that hunter probably began a breeding program to develop a dog that could do what Grog did. And that effort might have redoubled after Grog started sleeping on the good couch, snuggling up to his wife, and begging for table scraps.

Within a few selective breedings, I suspect the first pointing dog was born.

This immediately revolutionized bird hunting and sporting art. For there is nothing more elegant than the classic image of a beautifully bred dog on point.

It also revolutionized our repertoire of bird hunting excuses. For you could no longer just say, "When that bird flushed it caught me by surprise and I was all tangled up in the thicket."

Instead, you had to look t the hunter beside you and say, "I would have got that bird, but I ended up shooting that tree instead. It had no business getting in the way."

Or, "I would have hit that bird but I don't want my dog to think that it happens every time. That's just an unhealthy expectation…"

In our case, on the weekend, those dogs performed wonderfully, and we collected our limit of birds easily.

I only missed once myself.

Then again, that tree had no business getting in the way….

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# Sharing the Northern Lights

ON THE night of Oct. 10, smartphones across the Haliburton Highlands filled up with row upon row of beautiful ice-creamy swirled photos of our night sky. Our sun is in what is called a solar maximum, a natural part of its cycle where activity such as sunspots, flares, and coronal mass ejections are more frequent. According to organizations that monitor space weather, such as NASA, this solar maximum began in 2019 and is expected to peak next year. This all leads to the sun hurling highly charged particles out into space, and when they collide with Earth's magnetic field they create auroras – borealis if you are in the northern hemisphere, australis if you are in the southern hemisphere.

Earth's magnetic field protects us from these highly charged particles, which would otherwise be harmful to our atmosphere and us. However, solar storms still have the potential to wreak havoc with technology when not properly prepared for. In 1859 the most intense solar storm to impact Earth in recorded history caused aurora sightings at low latitudes near the equator and shut down the relatively new telegraph systems in North America and Europe. Some telegraph operators reported electrical shocks, as well as being able to transmit while disconnected from battery just using the highly charged atmosphere. In 1989 a solar storm caused a nine hour power outage in Quebec. Organizations such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issue warnings about potentially damaging solar flares allowing electric companies to mitigate risks and prevent such outages.

**ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING**
*Humans and Technology*

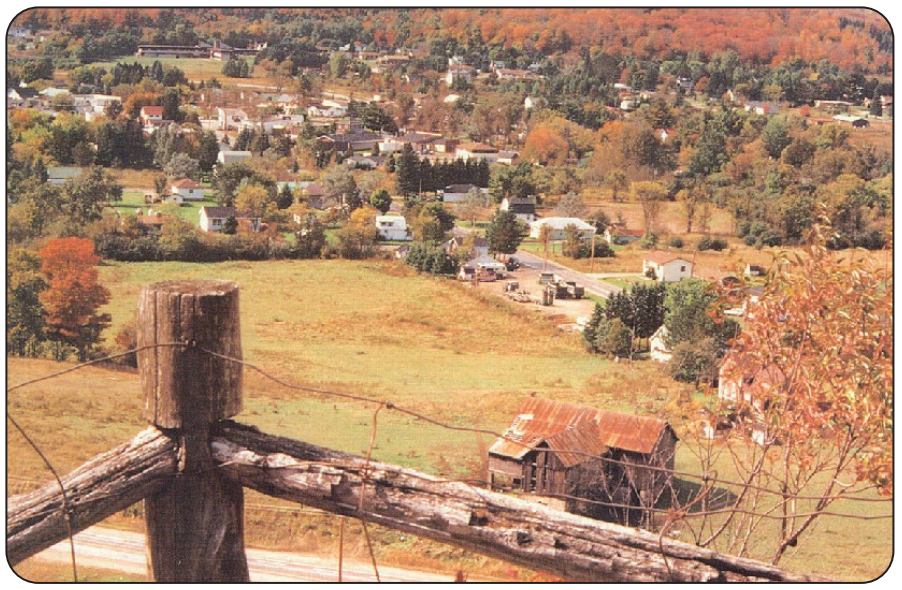
If you went outside early in the evening on Oct. 10, you may have only seen what looked like hazy cloud cover at first. However, if you happened to have a smartphone on you with a nighttime exposure setting, taking a picture of the sky would have revealed streaks of pinks and greens. Later in the evening, as the moon dipped below the horizon, to the naked eye the auroras were much more visible, but nothing like the brightly coloured spectacle that many were posting to social media. This is because the cameras built into modern phones are much better at detecting light than our day-time optimized eyes. What the cameras saw was indeed there, just beyond what our eyes are able to see unaided.

In my microbiology and biotechnology labs in university, we did a lot of work to reveal things we couldn't see with just our eyes. To see single celled organisms like bacteria we would have to grow some in a broth, put a drop of that broth on a slide, add some dye, and then look at it under a microscope. Voila, an amazing world that we would not otherwise see, but was nonetheless all around us all the time. Likewise, scientists use machines such as scanning electron microscopes to help us see tiny things in immense detail that a regular microscope can't. On a larger scale, giant telescopes like the James Webb space telescope let us see distant stars and planets in ways we have not been able to before.

Of course, a certain amount of caution needs to be taken when using technology to help see things. Visual artifacts and anomalies are possible with cameras and other equipment, so understanding what you're seeing and why is very important. In some shared photos, photographers were perplexed by bright dots, orbs, and streaks in their photos. These anomalies can be attributed to aircraft, lens flares, dust, and light distortions, all of which were also enhanced by the camera's long exposure time.

Some cynical commentary online grumbled about the photos of the auroras not looking like what people could really see with just their eyes, making them somehow not representative of the real experience. I disagree. Collectively, thousands of people used a piece of technology to see an atmospheric phenomenon better than they could otherwise and got really excited about it – which is amazing! Amateur and professional photographers alike were able to share their experience of the auroras and the excitement they felt while viewing and documenting a phenomenon that many don't ever get to see in person, unaided or otherwise.

## *Minden Memories*



A fall aerial view of Minden. Date unknown. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

## Correction

In the Oct. 22 issue of the *Minden Times* the submitted article titled "Ontario Horticulaturalists meet for second time in 45 years" should have been titled "Ontario Horticulturalists meet in Minden for second time in 45 years".

## HCPL's Book of the Week

Kelly Bishop's career is marked by significant achievements, from winning a Tony Award for *A Chorus Line* to her memorable role in *Dirty Dancing*. However, it was her portrayal of Emily in *Gilmore Girls* that solidified her legacy. In her memoir *The Third Gilmore Girl*, Bishop reflects on her journey, sharing life lessons and stories from her transition from dance to acting and personal experiences, including losses and triumphs. The memoir offers witty insights and personal photographs, celebrating a life filled with accomplishments and resilience.

*The Third Gilmore Girl* by Kelly Bishop is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

# Sharing the stories of local artists

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
*Times Staff*

Combining art and storytelling is a passion for Rebeccah Love, the founder of the newly launched Haliburton Arts Report on Instagram. "I am so interested in the art people are making, but I'm also interested in why they made the art," shared Love.

As a filmmaker based out of Toronto with cottage ties to the Haliburton Highlands, Love has dedicated her life's work to shining a spotlight on artists and their stories. "I've always had a great interest in biography and autobiography," she told the Echo. "I find those full life stories so fascinating."

Love started the Toronto Arts Report; a website dedicated to sharing the stories of artists from the GTA, about seven years ago, and joined Instagram with the initiative two years ago. But her strategy for highlighting the artists has always been more than snippets of upcoming shows or tidbits of art; it's a deep dive into their history, their inspirations, and their 'why'.

"I try to send each artist 12 to 14 questions, to try to understand why they became artists," said Love. "The interviews follow the same pattern. I start by asking questions about when they were very young. I give them full reign. I really leave it up to them to either engage or disengage."

As someone who has bipolar disorder herself, Love is sure to include the mental health component to her interviews as well. She noted that some artists are open about sharing their own traumas and stories, as that lends itself to the art they are producing, while others use art as an escape; not necessarily using their pains to fuel their process. "There is so much richness when you look at someone's entire life," she said.

The idea for the Haliburton Arts Report was sparked by a chance reconnection that Love sought out during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The key person behind this was an old high school volleyball coach I had, Steve Turner," Love said. "He was an extraordinary coach. He taught me some of my most important life lessons."

Turner had been a gym teacher, an athletics director, and a coach for 30 years in Toronto, before retiring and relocating to the Harcourt area. It was here that he dove into his love of painting. "During the pandemic, I was reflecting on figures who had inspired me, and I reached out to him," said Love.

She shared that she was thrilled to discover that he had taken up landscape painting; one of her personal favourite art forms. Upon reconnecting, Love featured Turner on her Toronto Arts Report page; while simultaneously exploring the intricate art world of the Haliburton Highlands. "After my long conversation with Steve, I began researching the arts community in the Haliburton region, realizing that there is a wealth of talent - specifically in the world of landscape painting - that needed to be recognized and celebrated," said Love.

The Haliburton Arts Report was officially founded on Oct. 5 of this year, and the Instagram page already hosts a variety of creations, mediums, and colours. Love understands the challenges of building an audience on social media, and is actively trying to connect with community members who would like to showcase their works. "When I first started the account, I was a stranger coming into the community, trying to find stories," she laughed, noting that her first few posts are her own pieces, and her own story. Yet, slowly but surely, artists have started connecting with her, and she has shone a spotlight on their pieces, their stories, and their 'why'.

"I care deeply about the lives and works of artists and am so excited to learn more about what is happening in the area," said Love.

Currently, the page has a focus on visual arts, but the young editor is eager to begin showcasing works of theatre, live music, and written work. "There is so much going on here," she said. "It's so exciting."

To follow the Haliburton Arts Report on Instagram, visit @HaliburtonArtsReport, or, you can email Love directly at rebeccahkrlove@gmail.com to potentially be featured on the page.

Grasses blow in the wind. /Photo by Lavdeep Jallandhra

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Fans of freight frequented the Haunted Forest Walk that took place Oct. 25 to 27. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

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As the Christmas season commences, The Haliburton County Home Builders Association would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates.

**Option 1:** Call - text 705-457-6901, email info@hchba.ca in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts. We will take them to the local distribution centers.

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### Craft Sale - Ladies Auxiliary

Haliburton Legion is holding a craft sale on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
An extensive variety of crafts created by 40 talented vendors will be available. This is a great day to start your Christmas shopping and enjoy lunch in the Schofield Room Cafe.

### Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Christmas Book Sale

When: Sat., Nov. 16 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Book Sale! Choose from a variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian authors, fiction, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Payment is by cash or cheque donation. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports library enhancements and programmes for all libraries in the county.

## *Recurring events*

### Join Scottish Country Dancing

When: Mon. Sept. 16 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Room of Haliburton United Church (10 George St.,)
Beginners absolutely welcome! No experience or partner needed! Please wear clothing you can move freely in and indoor (preferably soft-soled) shoes. Classes are $10 cash/class or register for the whole term for $110 (cash or e-transfer). Email haliburtonscottishcountrydance@gmail.com for more info or to register.

### TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
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# Celebrating success

The 16th annual Community and Business Achievement Awards were held on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Haliburton Legion, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Below are the winners from each category. Congratulations to all nominees and winners from the event.

- Wardens Award: Haliburton County Home Builders Association
- Customer First – Business: Lakeview Motel and Resort
- Customer First – Employee: Laureen Roberts
- Young Professional of the Year: Mathew Renda
- Not-For-Profit of the Year: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
- New Business of the Year: Woodhouse Marketing Agency
- Established Business of the Year: ACM Designs
- Business Woman of the Year: Chelsea Adamson
- Retail Business of the Year: Kohara + Co. & WAI Products
- Professional Services Business of the Year: Forest Lane Counselling
- Industry and Skilled Trade Business of the Year: Kohara +Co & WAI Products
- Hospitality and Tourism Business of the Year: Heather Lodge
- Individual Leadership Business Achievement: Dr. Jason Bradley
- Employer of the Year: ACM Designs
- Highlander of the Year: John Watson

/Adam Frisk Special to the *Times*

## New pizza joint coming to town

New Orleans Pizza will be opening at 2 IGA Road in Minden, in the previous location of Century 21. The owners, who also own Burrito Guyz in Haliburton, say they hope to be open in November. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

## Having fun isn't hard…

The Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library is officially open as of Oct. 25. The branch offers a selection of brand-new books for children, teens and adults as well as movies, audiobooks and fun things to borrow (e.g. Provincial Parks passes). Like other HCPL service points, the Dorset branch offers free Wi-Fi, a public computer, printer and copier, free public programming, and monthly take-home STEAM-focused learning kits for children. Branch hours are: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fridays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. /Submitted

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*Answers on page 14*

## Showing teeth and claws

ASES Wildcats fought ferociously against the J.D.H. Jaguars on Oct. 17 on the ASES soccer fields. The games were intermediate and co-ed. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

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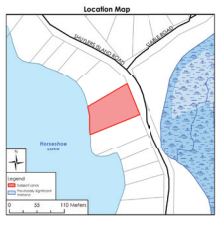
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2024027:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1203 Shuylers Island Road located within Part Lot 14, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; and




The above noted application is available for inspection in the Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** should you wish to provide comments with respect to the above referenced application, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than **November 22, 2024.**

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** if deemed advisable, a By-law giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requiste commenting period.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
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Township of Algonquin Highlands

**FORM 6**
**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**
*Municipal Act, 2001*
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**
**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS**

**Take Notice** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 27, 2024, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands Ontario. .

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

**Description of Lands:**
1. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 36700 0000; 1128 FRY LANE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39129-0220 (LT); PT LT 28 CON 4 STANHOPE AS IN H195720, T/W H195720; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-08
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $457,000
**Minimum tender amount: $27,332.52**

2. Roll No. 46 21 004 000 41500 0000; 52935 BIG HAWK - NORTH SHORE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39299-0175 (LT); PT LT 23 CON 14 STANHOPE AS IN H268963; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-21
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $154,000
**Minimum tender amount: $14,565.36**

3. Roll No. 46 21 021 000 04310 0000; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39100-0405 (LT); PT LT 10 CON 13 MCCLINTOCK PT 2 19R5505; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-32
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $26,500
**Minimum tender amount: $7,285.54**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:

**www.OntarioTaxSales.ca**
or if no internet access available, contact:
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www.algonquinhighlands.ca

# Huskies beat the Buzzers

**Huskies beat the Buzzers**
The Huskies remain dominant in the East Conference this season with a 3-1 win against the St. Michael Buzzers. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

**County of Haliburton**
**2025 Budget Deliberations**

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will be discussing the 2025 budget at their regular scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. And further 2025 budget discussions will occur thereafter at regularly scheduled meetings until the budget is approved. The agenda for the above noted meeting date can be viewed online at http://haliburton.civicweb.net

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# HIFF reveals exciting lineup revolving around hope

by **THOMAS SMITH**
*Editor*

From French blockbusters to a Canadian bio-drama filmed in North Bay, this year's Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) has something for everyone to see.

This year's HIFF, organized by Those Other Movies will take place on Nov. 1 to 3 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

While theatres like the Molou and the Beaver Theatre were closing, Those Other Movies continued to provide Haliburton County with the opportunity to see movies that they may not have heard of before.

The HIFF committee attends film festivals throughout Ontario including Cinéfest Sudbury and the Toronto International Film Festival. Through debate, the HIFF committee has settled on this year's lineup. This year, Rea says that all of the movies revolve around the theme of hope.

"We have a very caring community," said Rea. "We have a very diverse community."

"For a lot of these movies, this will be the second or third time they have ever been shown in Canada," says spokesperson Tammy Rea.

"We recommend that people don't watch the trailers of these movies. Just trust us," says Rea. "It spoils the reveals of the movie. Just come. Just trust us knowing that the story will be told in the right way."

HIFF features seven movies this year. One will play on Friday, Nov. 1, four will play on Saturday Nov. 2, and two will play on Nov. 3.

## Schedule

Friday, Nov. 1:

7 p.m. *The Count of Monte Cristo* (2024) This French blockbuster is the most expensive French movie of the year. With the use of sweeping drone shots, stunning visuals, and a compelling story based on the novel of the same name, Rea says that the film is as beautiful as it is exciting.

Saturday Nov. 2:

1 a.m. *Flow* (2024) The first animated movie that HIFF has presented, Flow is a captivating story about a cat that survives in a world that is destroyed by a flood. For families with young children, this is the number one movie you need to see, says Rea.

1 p.m. *Samia* (2024) A young Somali girl runs through the streets of Mogadishu. She aspires that one day she will be able to compete in the Olympics. Samia is another of Rea's favourites of this year's lineup.

3:15 p.m. *Can I Get a Witness* (2024) Can I Get a Witness is a science fiction film starring Sandra Oh that investigates the possible future of a world decimated by climate change. "It is a super interesting concept about how we save ourselves," says Rea.

At 7:30 p.m., director Kate Campbell will be discussing her short film *Boundless* (2021) and providing a preview of new work.

8 p.m. *Home Free* (2024) After learning that he is dying of cancer, Herb decides that he will be dying by his own hand. He commits to learning more about his estranged daughters and fixing their relationship they have with their parents. Through hardship, the family sees themselves in a light that has never been shone on them before. Director Avi Federgreen will be present with some cast members and writers to discuss the film

Sunday Nov. 3:

1 p.m. *All We Imagine as Light* (2024) Two nurses' lives become intertwined. After being forced to leave the city due to developers, the pair seek to find love and true happiness.

1:15 p.m. *Drive Back Home* (2024) "I wanted to see this movie again," says Rea. "The filmmaker, his grandfather and his grandfather's brother lived in the 70s. His grandfather rescued his brother from a jail in Toronto for being gay." Afterwards, the organizers will provide a talk to discuss inside scoops and elucidations learned from the director.

Rea says that a lot of contemplation and debate goes into deciding the lineup of movies for HIFF.

"Do I feel that I am better because I have seen this movie? Did this work make me think? Did I leave it feeling hopeful?" says Rea, regarding the committee's process of choosing films.

Rea is also pleased to say that the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion will be receiving a new projector and audio system this year to improve the experience of festival goers.

VIP passes that provide access to all seven films can be reserved through the store at www.thoseothermovies.com. VIP passes are $65. Individual tickets to movies are $10 and can be purchased at the door. Only cash and cheques will be accepted. The Lions Club will have snacks and drinks available for purchase-including popcorn. The Lakeview Motel is offering a special discounted rate for festival goers. Restaurants in the area have been informed of the HIFF schedule and will be accommodating with delicious meals, ready for festival goers to take away.

# Local high school teacher earns praise for leadership

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
*Times Staff*

**Christine Carr, centre, received an award for leadership and innovation for her dedication to going "above and beyond" for her students. /Photo submitted**

It's been said that it takes a special kind of person to be an effective teacher.

While there are many such individuals who teach under the umbrella of the Trillium Lakeland District School Board, Christine Carr, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, was nominated by Principal Jennifer Mills for recognition by the director of education for innovation and leadership.

Carr received her certificate during the school board's meeting Oct. 22.

According to her nomination, Carr "goes above and beyond in everything she does for our students. Through the great many opportunities Christine has provided our students, both in and out of the classroom, she has created the conditions for physically and emotionally safe, healthy learning environments for all students."

Carr received kudos for contributing experiences and opportunities for students to help them connect and engage in school life, the community and beyond, to become leaders for themselves and others.

And that's fitting as she teaches the Leadership Class at the high school.

"(She) has taken the curricular expectations to another level, focused on continuous school improvement, inspiring and supporting students to better HHSS," Mills said.

"She helps students find a need within our school and develop a plan, implement and follow through with a project to make the school a better place for students and staff."

Students in her classes have designed and created an outdoor classroom space, raised money to offset the cost of school sports, and provided countless ways to get students involved in school spirit.

She believes in supporting extracurriculars and recognizes that through student leadership and student empowerment, students are more invested in their education, which ultimately leads to improved engagement and achievement.

In addition to her teaching assignments, Carr supports and inspires students in her role as co-lead of the Interact Group with service projects in the school, community and beyond; GSA (J.E.T.I.) teacher lead; Drama club advisor, and teacher lead for G7 students.

Every year, she develops learning opportunities to raise awareness around Indigenous Education and Inclusiveness for PRIDE.

Most recently, Carr volunteered to bring 25 "Spirit Leaders" from HHSS to lead Grade 9-12 students at the weekend-long Canadian Student Leadership Conference in early October.

She and the HHSS contingent joined 500 students and 100 staff advisors from across Canada at the camp.

Grade 11 students Hazel Jones and Aurora Wesley are two student leaders who attended the conference with Carr.

They spoke to the board about their learning experience alongside 500 other students from across Canada, the connections they made, and they shared a video of highlights from the conference with school board trustees.

"Throughout the leadership training days for this conference and then the conference itself, our student's leadership skills and confidence rose exponentially," Mills wrote.

"Christine's involvement in this Canadian-wide leadership conference demonstrates her innovation and leadership in alignment with the TLDSB strategic plan to listen to student voice and empower students to make a difference in their school and community."

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A celebration of life will be held at the Stanhope Community Centre - Saturday, November 2 from 2 - 5pm with tributes beginning at 2:30.

Cheri never shied away from colour and we don't want you to either, please wear something that celebrates her.

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On August 31st, 2024 at Bridgepoint Palliative Care Hospital, after a brave battle with lung cancer, Christine Louise Anderson 57, of Toronto died peacefully in her sleep with her Aunt Marlene at her bedside. She is predeceased by her Mother and Father (Bud and Loretta Anderson) and her baby girl Quinn. She is survived by her brothers and Sisters (Cathy, Nancy(Glenn), Doug(Kathy), Andy) and her many nieces and nephews. Lovingly remembered by her friends who were her family.

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**Something to scream about**

*Mother and daughter Liz and Hailey Griffin, 8, of West Guilford were given a frightful surprise at the haunted house in Carnarvon on Hallowe'en. The haunted house was a screaming success for Pine Reflections Garden Centre and the Stanhope Fire Department. Local residents and firefighters helped supply the scares through some eerie portrayals of ghosts, ghouls, witches and Friday the 13th character, Jason. More than 300 people of all ages plunked down toonies to tour the house Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, with proceeds going to the fire department. The house was so popular that organizers are already talking about next year.*

# Use it or lose it, college says

## Too few adults sign up for academic upgrading

by JERRY GROZELLE
*Times staff*

If you don't use it, you'll lose it. That statement is seldom used in an educational context but in this case it may be appropriate.

Funding for the Sir Sandford Fleming College's Academic Upgrade Program in Minden will run out in March of 2005 and there is some concern that it may not be renewed. The Fleming program has been offered in Haliburton for about 14 years, but it was introduced for the first time in Minden in January of this year.

The second session in Minden began on September 13 and the number of adults taking advantage of the free program has decreased. The current enrollment is nine.

Bob Smith, one of the three instructors, said an application for further funding will be filed before the money runs out at the end of March. "It will be easier to justify with a full house," he said. Realistically, he would like to see about 20 students participating, including some part-time.

"We need more students," said Wendy Colicchia, one of the Minden people who is taking advantage of the program. She is working on upgrading her education so she can pursue her goal of becoming a dental hygienist.

This program is the first step for Colicchia. She will have to complete some chemistry and biology courses before she can enrol in the dental hygienist course and for those, she will have to go out of Haliburton County, probably to Fleming in Lindsay.

Sherry McLennan was another of the four students who were in attendance at this Tuesday session in the upper level of the Minden Hospital/Hyland Crest facility. Her goal is to become a Personal Support Worker. Responding to a comment from Colicchia that there is no shame in attending the academic upgrade classes, McLennan said, "It never occurred to me that there might be any shame involved. I'm proud that I'm actually in school."

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# Grinch can't stop Santa

## Township will pay for parade insurance

by MARTHA PERKINS
*Times staff*

Minden Hills won't let the *Grinch steal Christmas.*

The municipality has come to the rescue of the Minden Santa Claus parade by agreeing to pay the insurance for the November 27 celebration for children.

"I'm so happy that I don't have to be the bearer of bad news," says John Guild, who's organizing the parade on behalf of the Minden Lions Club. "I didn't want to be the one who said, 'Sorry kids, there's no parade.'"

Insurance costs had been expected to rise to $3,000 because a parade is now considered a high-risk event. Without any bingo games to help the Lions Club raise money for such events, the club was unable to absorb the cost. It asked the municipality to shoulder the responsibility and the municipality agreed.

"Without their support the Santa Claus parade would not be possible," Guild says.

Asked if had been able to reach Santa Claus at the North Pole to tell him the good news, Guild says he was able to confirm that the parade's main attraction will be in attendance.

"He looks forward to coming to Minden every year and meeting

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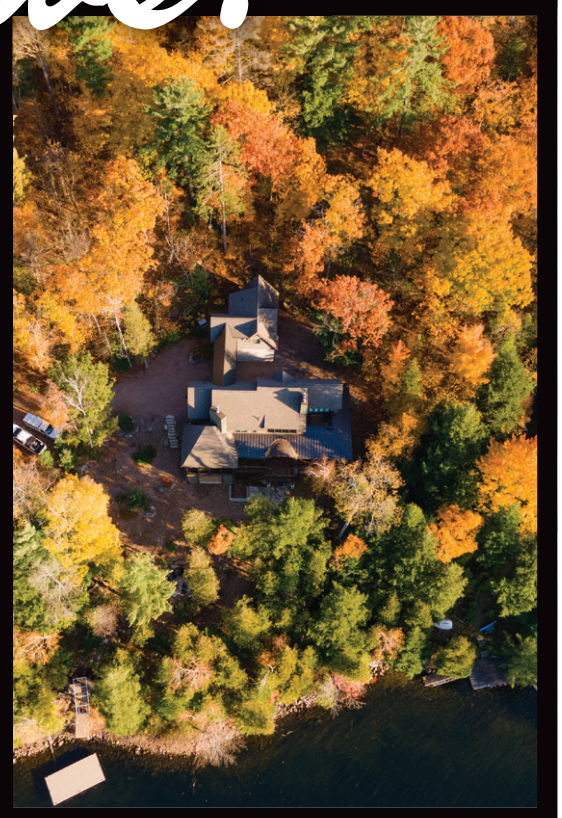

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